



FRANCE FLOODED, PARIS THREATENED

Water Doing Enormous Harm in Republic.

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Government Requisitions Supplies From Army.

CROWDED PARIS SUFFERS

Jam Against Bridge Will Require Dynamiting—Eiffel Tower Is in Danger—Rivers Rising and More Districts Inundated.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—Floods have brought disaster to a large part of France. The ordinarily modest and peaceful Seine is now a raging torrent and rising at the rate of more than half an inch an hour. The general expectation that the maximum of the flood would be reached tonight has not been realized. The Seine's tributaries are rising steadily and the official estimate tonight is that the Seine will be at least 15 inches higher tomorrow afternoon. Victims of the flood number more than 100,000 and the monetary loss is incalculable. Thousands of people are hopelessly ruined.

Army Supplies Taken. The government has requisitioned army and navy material to house the sufferers and boats for the rescue of the stricken as well as those imprisoned in houses in flood centers on all sides of Paris. The region of inundation is steadily enlarging, and scores of villages are completely submerged, the people fleeing for their lives and abandoning everything. In many cases soldiers have been obliged to use force in compelling the inhabitants to leave their homes. Hundreds refused to go, clamoring only for food and water. In Paris the situation is rapidly becoming worse, floods sparring neither rich nor poor.

Lights of aParis Falling. The flood is invading the compactly-built area, undermining buildings and forcing the evacuation of many houses. All the streets in one arondissement are running rivers. Subway and tram service are diminishing and in every section gas and electric lights are falling. Paris is practically cut off south and west, and, if present conditions continue, the question of food will become menacing. The Senate today appropriated \$400,000 for national relief. The public aid fund for this purpose is swelling. President Fallieres headed the list with \$400. The entire population of Ivery-Sur-Seine and adjacent places is in a desperate state. Only the tops of the houses at Alfortville are visible, the water averaging 12 feet in the air. At this place since 5 o'clock this morning 2000 persons have been rescued by boats and 20,000 others from this section have found safety by their own efforts.

Apaches Turn Pirates. Rescuers had more to contend with than the turbulent waters. Groups of "Apaches" were engaged in piracy. They seized several boats and robbed rescuer and rescued alike. In some cases they entered houses and carried on their deductions. Finally a force of soldiers drove off the looters. There were many cases of drowning, and many aged and sick died as a result of shock and exposure. The sick and infirm and finding themselves unable to leave, a man and a woman hanged themselves to a bedpost.

President Sees Conditions. President Fallieres and Premier Briand made an automobile trip this afternoon through the flooded districts in the eastern section of Paris. They walked through some streets knee-deep with mud and water, and saw the crowds fleeing, men weeping at walls and children and women burdened with children and household belongings.

The President and the Premier hurried away to seek exposure and suffering people. A concise resume of the flood situation is as follows: Resume of Conditions. River authorities early this morning announced that the Seine was due to rise until Thursday and would exceed the high record of 1802. The Lyons Railroad Company sent out a notification that all trains for Paris had been suspended.

The great bonded warehouses at Bercy appear to be doomed to destruction, involving an immense loss. Merchants are removing what they can.

The Seine at Colombes threatens momentarily to meet the patients and flood the working-class suburb of Gennivillers. This place has a population of 7000.

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ONCE FAMOUS ACTRESS DECIDES TO SETTLE DOWN.

Ex-Wife of Lord Hope, Whose Elopement Startled World, Buys Lodging-House to Conduct.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—May Yohe, who at the height of several sensational epochs in her remarkable career, was the most celebrated actress of three continents, the wife of Lord Francis Hope, son of a peer of England, and finally a principal in great international scandal, her elopement with Captain Edmund Bradley Strong, has turned to profit as a refresher to the levels of the mad life she led. She has bought a small rooming-house and proposes to live there and conduct its affairs. Keeping her identity unknown, Miss Yohe has been in Seattle several days, but her presence was not known here until today. Mrs. Strong is still her legal name, as the divorce she has asked has not yet been granted. She has completed negotiations for the purchase of the property here and will take possession soon. Today she is in Portland, having been called there on business in connection with her suit for divorce now pending. She will return as soon as possible, bringing her mother, and will immediately establish herself as mistress of the lodging-house.

"I have come here to live quietly, to settle down and try to make a decent living for myself and mother with the few thousands we have left," Miss Yohe is quoted as having said. "I realize that I have been an awful fool and now I am determined to do as much as I can to forget the past."

SEATTLE INQUISITION TOLD

Police "Third Degree" Methods Laid Bare in All Barbarity.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Peter Miller this afternoon, in the Superior court, detailed the alleged "third degree" methods practiced by the Seattle police to make him confess. The Seattle police, he declared, were "a set of thieves, murderers and cut-throats of the worst type." Vividly he recounted how he was thrown into the "black hole" in the Seattle City Jail and kept there several days. He told of finding great spotsches of dried blood over the walls and floor of the "dark hole" and of seeing there pieces of human flesh with blood-stained hair still adhering, "a veritable slaugher pen." When they got through with him Miller said he was ready to confess to anything.

Miller asserted that during the Boer war he served as surgeon for the Boer cause 15 months and that as a token of esteem General Joubert gave him the 44-caliber revolver the Seattle police took from him when he was arrested.

PROFESSOR GETS BURGLAR

Thieves in Seattle University District Confess to Crimes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Two youths believed by the police to be members of the trio of amateur burglars responsible for a series of thefts in the university district in the last few weeks, were captured yesterday afternoon by Professor Merle Thorpe, head of the School of Journalism at the State University, and Thomas G. Hammond, a law school student, when ransacking an unoccupied residence at 4746 Brooklyn avenue, belonging to Thorpe.

Although at the time of their capture no stolen goods were found in their possession, more than \$100 worth of articles were taken from the Thorpe residence recently and the prisoners confessed that they knew where the loot was hidden.

GAS DIRECTORS CALLED

Los Angeles Accuses Company of Granting Rebates.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—Subpenas were issued today for the appearance of 9 witnesses in Justice Court, charged at the preliminary arraignment of the directors of the Los Angeles Gas & Electric Company, charged with having granted rebates and changed the price of gas without the consent of the City Council.

Complaints were sworn to by the prosecuting attorney of the city, and were based upon accusations made by citizens.

SALEM WATER GIVEN O. K.

Last Test Proves No Bacilli, but Caution Is Urged.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The last test of the Salem city water by the State Bacteriologist shows that the sample analyzed contains no colon bacilli. Notwithstanding this fact, City Health Officer O. B. Miles urges the consumers to continue to boil the water.

COPPER MERGER IS O. K'D.

Court Dissolves Injunction Restraining Action of Stockholders.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 25.—Judge Lansing and Judge Cross late today filed a memorandum dissolving the injunction restraining the stockholders of the Utah Copper Company from meeting to pass on the question of acquiring the property of the Boston Consolidated Mining Company. This decision permits the carrying out of the plans for the merger of the two companies.

BENNET IN REPLY HURLS UGLY WORD

Immigration Board Is Defended.

MACON REFUSES TO RETRACT

"Bad English" of Arkansan Also Stays on Records.

PATTEN SEVERELY SCORED

Secretary of Immigration Restriction League, Who Gave Information, Is Called Falsifier by New York Representative.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Declaring that James A. Patten, secretary of the Immigration Restriction League, had told a "wicked, cruel, deliberate and malicious lie" when he gave Representative Macon, of Arkansas, information upon which the latter based his speech yesterday, Representative Bennett made a vigorous defense of the Immigration Commission in the House today.

"Statements of the gentleman from Arkansas should require an instant, full and complete retraction," shouted Mr. Bennett after he had explained in detail the work of the Commission, its trip abroad in 1907, which Mr. Macon had termed a "junket" and the results it had accomplished. Mr. Macon met Mr. Bennett's demands with a sharp reply.

Macon Retracts Nothing. "I am not going to accept what the gentleman from New York has said to this House as gospel," exclaimed Mr. Macon. "It is a question of veracity, and one of these gentlemen has as much credence on the part of the House as the other until one or the other shows himself to be a liar and the other shows himself to be a saint—and the gentleman from New York is not a saint." Mr. Macon admitted that Mr. Patten was his informant. Mr. Macon explained that Mr. Patten was a son-in-law of a deceased member of the Commission and was in a position to know.

Record Goes Unchanged. Thus the incident was closed without Mr. Macon having receded from his position, but not until after Mr. Mann, of Illinois, had refused to consent to Mr. Macon's request for permission to revise his remarks in the record. Mr. Macon explained that he merely wanted to correct the "bad English," but Mr. Mann retorted that it was unnecessary to obtain consent for that, and that both parties to the controversy would have to go on record for what they had said.

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CHINA TALKS OVER PLAN

American Charge and Foreign Board Discuss Neutralization.

PERKIN, Jan. 25.—Henry P. Fletcher, American Charge d'Affaires, was in conference with the Foreign Board today. It is understood, concerning the unfavorable reply of the powers to the United States proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways. Russian Minister Korotkov also is conferring with the government on the matter of the Chinchow railway.

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TIPS TO RESIGN ARE GIVEN

Mayor McCarthy Wants to Name His Own Commissions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—In response to a request of Mayor P. H. McCarthy, a majority of the members of the Board of Education, the Police Commission and the Board of Health called at his office today to receive the intimation that their resignations were in order. After the last of his official callers had left, the Mayor admitted that his suggestion concerning their resignations had not met with immediate response. He said, however, that all of them would be given some time in which to consider the matter.

Most of the summoned Commissioners responded by announcing the contents of their resignations. The Mayor declared that unless the resignations were forthcoming, he would take action under the charter to force their presentation.

NOTED SONG WRITER FALLS

Hugh Cannon, Author of "Goo-Goo Eyes," Sent to Poorhouse.

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Von der Hagen is said to have at least two wives in the East, and because of advice to this effect, his bail was fixed at \$10,000. Von der Hagen, who is said to have married soon after his arrival here several months ago, has filed suit for annulment.

CAN ONE DISPOSE OF BODY?

Will Contestant Says Man Has No Right to Order Funeral.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—That a man has no right to dispose of his body before his death is the contention made in a petition for the removal of the remains of William M. Hoag, filed today by his brother, James A. Hoag, who is contesting the will of the late capitalist.

In his will Hoag specified that his body should rest in a \$6000 mausoleum, to be erected in a local cemetery, and his brother filed a petition, praying that the request be denied and that he be permitted to take the ashes to Baltimore, Md.

PONTIFICAL MASS IS SUNG

Cardinal Preaches at Golden Jubilee of Paulist Fathers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Celebration of pontifical mass in the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, with an address by Cardinal Gibbons, was the chief event today in the Paulist Fathers' golden jubilee here. Besides the Cardinal, several bishops, scores of monks, priests and monks and 500 of the laity attended the mass, which was celebrated by Archbishop Farley. Cardinal Gibbons, in his address, dwelt on the saintliness of the founder of the Paulist Fathers, whose words he said, had led the Cardinal himself to enter the priesthood.

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